

KAHEAL PARRISH,	)	Case No.: 11-CV-01438-LHK
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Plaintiff,	)	
v.	)	ORDER GRANTING IN PART AND
	)	DENYING IN PART PLAINTIFF’S
A. SOLIS, et al.,	)	REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT
	)	
Defendants.	)	
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Counsel requests reimbursement of \$709.17 in lodging and meal expenses for James Esten,

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1 an expert witness. Counsel did not provide invoices in support of these expenses. Counsel also  
2 requests reimbursement of \$40 in bell charges for Mr. Esten. Counsel similarly did not provide  
3 invoices in support of this expense. Accordingly, the Court denies Counsel's request for  
4 reimbursement of \$749.17 in connection with Mr. Esten's travel expenses.

5 Counsel also requests reimbursement for Mr. Esten spending two hours and fifteen minutes  
6 to "[d]ownload all e-mail correspondence re[:] Parrish case." At Mr. Esten's hourly rate of \$175,  
7 this resulted in a charge of \$393.75. The Court finds that this expense is not reasonable, and  
8 therefore denies Counsel's request for reimbursement of \$393.75.

9 In addition, Counsel requests reimbursement for Mr. Esten spending twenty-seven hours to  
10 "[r]eview multiple deposition transcripts"; "[h]ighlight important sections, make notations by page  
11 and line for future use at deposition and/or trial"; "[r]esearch areas of concern"; and "organize  
12 materials for use at my deposition." This resulted in a total charge of \$4,725. The Court finds that  
13 twenty-seven hours is not a reasonable amount of time for Mr. Esten to bill for these tasks. Based  
14 on the description of activities supplied in Mr. Esten's invoice, the Court finds that twenty-four  
15 hours, i.e. three hours less than Mr. Esten billed, is a reasonable amount of time to spend on these  
16 tasks. Accordingly, the Court reduces Counsel's request for reimbursement by \$525.

17 Finally, Counsel requests reimbursement for \$30.62 in postage for mailings to Beth  
18 Quintana, Laurie Small, and Charles Austin Lyons. Counsel's invoice does not detail why these  
19 individuals are connected to Counsel's pro bono representation. Accordingly, the Court denies  
20 Counsel's request for reimbursement of \$30.62 in postage.

21 In summary, the Court denies Counsel's request for reimbursement of \$1,698.54 in costs.  
22 Counsel's request for reimbursement, now reduced to \$14,927.97, is otherwise approved.

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25 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

26 Dated: December 30, 2014

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LUCY H. KOH  
United States District Judge